I am OPPOSED to Senate Bill 886

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Driver Education is very important in Michigan to our Graduated Licensing System and the lives of our teenagers and their families. I believe our students deserve the best teachers that we can produce.

There are currently 5 Instructor Preparation Providers approved by the MDOS and there is no consensus at this time to change the law.

We hire new Driver Education Instructors and we need them to:

- 1. Be ready to teach when the course work is complete.
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the Michigan Graduated Licensing System.
- 3. Have a thorough understanding of the required novice driver curriculum.
- 4. Understand Driver Education lesson plans and instructional activities.
- 5. Be well versed in Michigan Traffic Laws.
- 6. Demonstrate knowledge of the visual performance in operating a motor vehicle.
- 7. Have a thorough understanding of the rules & regulations of MDOS Driver Education Program Section.
- 8. Have an understanding of various teaching techniques for classroom instruction.
- 9. Be well trained in Behind-The-Wheel coaching techniques for the novice driver.
- 10. Demonstrate how to coach the novice driver for continuous and efficient improvement.
- 11. Have an understanding of instructional route development.
- 12. Have knowledge of instructional routes that correlate with classroom lessons.

We currently have strong Driver Education Instructor Preparation requirements in Michigan. It appears that Senate Bill 886 will greatly diminish the skill level and quality of instructors teaching our teens to drive. New instructor candidates need more than one week per class to prepare for the teaching demand and they need well educated Instructor trainers, with Driver Education experience, delivering the courses. Most often **minimums** become the **maximum**. Minimizing the quality at the starting point for these new instructors will produce lower quality.

The Michigan families of these novice drivers deserve better.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 886!!